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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. EMBASSY OPENS A CONDOLENCE BOOK IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

DHAKA, AUGUST 27 -- In commemoration of the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who died on August 25, 2009, the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka will open a condolence book for the public to sign. The book will be available at the Archer K. Blood American Center Library at House 110, Road 27, Banani, Dhaka, on Sunday, August 30, 2009 through Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 09:00 to 15:00 each day.

In a statement issued by the White House, President Barack Obama said, "Senator Edward M. Kennedy was not only one of the greatest senators of our time, but one of the most accomplished Americans ever to serve our democracy." In recognition of Senator Kennedy's contribution to the country, President Obama said, "Over the past half-century, nearly every major piece of legislation that has advanced the civil rights, health, and economic well-being of the American people bore his name and resulted from his efforts. With his passing, an important chapter in our American story has come to an end."

Senator Kennedy was an early and vocal supporter of Bangladeshi independence. He visited refugee camps in West Bengal, India during the 1971 war and became one of the first international leaders to visit Bangladesh after liberation.

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